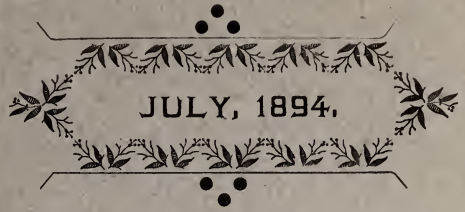


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OUR AGE A MISSIONARY ONE.

Paper Read at the Women's Missionary Convention Held at Goshen, Ind., June 7th and 8th.

"Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye Nations! bow with sacred joy.
Know, that the Lord is God alone;
He can create and He destroy."

We live in an age of heroes! *Christian* heroes! Who have left homes of culture, halls of learning, and the enchantments of Christian society for Christ's sake, and gone to the isolation and the dreariness and monotony of heathen misery, in foreign lands, to carry the message of the Gospel. Yes, Christian men and women have gone into every quarter of the globe to spread the light and truth of their religion. Others consecrate their millions to convert the world; teaching the heathen that his body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost.

It is, indeed, well said, that:

"We are living, we are dwelling
In a grand and awful time;
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime."

Strong, is the immediate influence of such heroes as Cary and Duff, of Schwartz, Lowrie and Morrison, of Martin, Johnson and Paton, and many others in whose noble works we see *faith* breathing in a living life; *hope* pulsating before us; *love* throbbing in a great heart; *patience* exemplified in a long life, fruitful at last; and *perseverance* for Christ's sake, gloriously crowned with golden sheaves after the seed-sowing, in tears.

In the back-ground of this living picture,

are history's monuments of the lives of Edwards and Alexander, Hodge and Smith, of Luther and Zwingle, Calvin and Knox, of Ridley and Latimer, Huss and Savonrola. Still farther back shine forth the beloved works of Augustine and Crysostom and those of John, Peter and Paul and the heroes of David and Moses.

All these bear a living influence upon the active present. And to-day, almost everything in the religious world points in the direction of a brighter and better day than has ever been witnessed in the history of the church.

"Life in such an age is worth the living;
To go forth with might achieving,
O, that each might know his work!
And from duty never shirk."

In the foreign fields the doors are thrown open to the Missionary. Not open so wide in some places as is desirable, yet enough to extend the hand of sacred influence and in time afford placing firmly the pillars of refuge for our fellow-beings.

It is said that the Evangelization of China means the evangelization of the world. And there is valid reason to hope that the crown awaits God's people in this glorious age of Missionary progress.

Christ's command, of "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is to-day responded to by abundant volunteers. There are many more indeed, than the church can support; who are ready to "throw out the life-line their peril

to share;" to go in the name of the Saviour who died for them and rescue the souls that are perishing. Yet 'tis sad to know that many must tarry and longer delay this holy mission for want of sufficient support. The church is doing much, and many advanced efforts are pushing on to this worthy purpose. And she pleads with you earnestly, pleads with you gently for only the *simple interest* IN FULL of her own precious dues. While we rote with hope and encouragement the progressive spirit of the age in the foreign field, the painful fact remains that though many lands are bathed in Christian Light, yet many souls are still in heathen night. And all haste is necessary to rescue them for Jesus to-day.

A moment's reflection on the immediate condition of our own fair land brings us to the recognition of our country's greatest need—the *Gospel of Christ as a VITAL* element in its life.

The eleventh census shows about *one-twelfth* of our population is avowedly either unchristian or anti-christian; while of the eleven-twelfths reported as christian, it is sadly evident that a large proportion are but nominally so. The Gospel has no *vital power* over them. Their profession of christianity does not keep them from aiding and abetting the worst evils which curse our society. Unless this can be changed in due time, it is needless to say that the doom of our Nation is written in the fate of buried civilizations of the past. But the question comes: how shall this be done? *The Gospel of Christ is the only true and lasting basis.* It must be preached in its simplicity and power, by the lives *we live* and the principles we support. It must be fused into the *life* of the people. The PRINCIPLES of *Christ must become our law*; the *power of Christ our strength*; the *Spirit of Christ our inspiration.* Then will good laws be made and obeyed. Then will wealth be virtuously used; then will material achievements be but instruments to

bless our fellow-men; then will secular education be wings to bear us to sublimer heights of usefulness and glory. Then, indeed, will every good gift but fit us the better to serve our race and our God.

While the Missionary spirit of the age is heartily manifest and progressive in our native land, there is *much* to do. The western fields are comparatively scant with earnest christian laborers—men and women of power and strength of influence. And we pray for reinforcements in the way of *redoubled effort* to bring the kingdom of God into the *hearts* of our people.

Viewing the past with its glorious results in the mission field and turning to the future with its blessed possibilities in the active movements of the "Y. P. S. C. E.," "The Students' Volunteer Movement" and others of equal importance for uniting the Christian Church in its influence, our hearts burst forth with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of Hosts.

May there be an enthusiastic rally for Home Missions *this year.* Let the cry be—*"America for Christ and Christ for America."*

MISS MATTIE L. GONSER.

ON the evening of June 18th, the pastor united in marriage at 78 Gay Street, Mr. Thomas Thompson and Miss Margaret Holt. About a year ago Mr. Thompson came to this country from England and located in Fort Wayne. About two months ago Miss Holt arrived, coming from the same province in England. Evidently there had been some previous engagements and concerted plans. We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Thompson on their devotion to each other, and their happy union on this side the Atlantic. Old England may have happy marriages, but America has happier ones. We are especially glad also that at our communion services, July 8, these young friends both united with Grace Church. The Lord bless them in their marriage and church relationship. They reside at 78 Gay St.

THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION.

The great Christian Endeavor Convention of '94 has come and gone. We were sorely disappointed that we could not be present, but we felt it was better for us to remain at home and look after the work of the new building as it is progressing. The only delegate from Grace Church was Brother Eugene Mathis, and we were heartily glad that he could be present to enjoy the meetings and bring us back reports of the convention. The great tie-up of the railroads kept away thousands of delegates who had long distances to come, and especially from the West; but notwithstanding, there were nearly forty thousand delegates enrolled, making the largest convention yet held. Cleveland seems to have been deluged with a flood of Endeavorers, and with their enthusiasm, their songs, and their meetings. The Reformed Church had a representation of nearly one thousand at the convention. How we are rejoiced to learn of this fact. Three years ago, when the convention was held at Minneapolis, the pastor and Elder D. W. Souder were the only representatives we could learn of, from the Reformed Church. How lonesome we felt then, among that sea of Endeavorers, of some twenty thousand, and the only representatives from our church. Well, we are glad for the change and that the church has caught the inspiration and has now so fully fallen into line with this great movement; and we sincerely anticipate grand results for the church. The convention of '95 was to have been held at San Francisco; but there is now some uncertainty about this, as the railroads in the West have so far not been willing to give sufficient reduction on rates; and the convention of '95 may be held at Denver, Col. In '96 it will be held at Washington. Elsewhere in this issue of THE VISITOR we give convention notes, clipped from various periodicals. We know they will be of interest to many of our Endeavorer readers.

THE NEW CHURCH.

We find that the readers of THE VISITOR who live at a distance from the city are anxious to know how the new building is progressing. Well, it has so far withstood the blunt of the strike, with the exception that the carpenters just kept right on striking, and the masons kept on troweling and putting in the brick. At present, the walls are coming up to the finishing touch and the carpenters are putting the heavy trusses in place and will soon be ready for the slate roof. Mr. Chapman, the architect from Chicago, came to the city on the morning of July 2nd, and gave the building a thorough inspection. He expressed himself as well pleased with the construction of the building. He gave the contractors some further directions concerning the inside finishing of the house, and has since his return home furnished some further detail drawings. The architect is himself greatly pleased with the design of the church, and says the interior arrangement of walls, ceilings, windows, etc., will still be more beautiful than the outside designs. It is probable that the architect will be here again some weeks later, to inspect the work and give such further directions as may be needful.

MRS. REV. CHARLES SCHAFF, daughter Mata and son Nevin, of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neireiter, 269 West Washington Street. They will remain in the city for several months. Rev. Schaff was also in the city for a few days, on his return from the Cleveland convention. We were disappointed that we could not work some magic spell on him, and retain him with us over Sabbath. We know our people would have been more than pleased to hear him preach again. But our charm did not work and he returned to Louisville to look after his flock, leaving us the promise that some time, he would come and remain longer.

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The plan of furnishing the new church by personal offerings, seems to meet with general favor among our people; and we hope to interest many of our friends and churches abroad in the project. No special effort has yet been made in this direction; but we shall do so very shortly. Some of the windows in the church have already been provided for by the different societies of the church and the Sabbath School. It is now pretty well decided that the large circular window in the west wall of the church will be known as Zwingli window, as it will in all probability have in it the picture of the great Swiss Reformer. The Ladies' Society, the Young People's Society, the Sabbath School and the Primary Department in the Sabbath School will each have windows and are already raising funds for this purpose. There are still a number of the windows that have not been spoken for, ranging in price from twenty-five to fifty and seventy-five dollars. Are there not some of the members of the church, or of our friends or churches abroad, who will furnish some of these windows, or some of the pews of the church? The pews will range in price from ten to fifteen dollars. Friends, will you not consider this matter and act as the Lord may

direct? We are ready to receive further orders for windows or pews from any of the members of the church or from friends and churches abroad. The names of donors will be placed upon whatever article of furniture they may present.

ELDER PAULUS recently sold his property on West Wayne Street, and is now residing temporarily at 333 East Washington Street. He intends buying property soon and hopes to locate somewhere in the vicinity of the church. This is a good place for any of our people who may intend to change locations in the city. Colonize within easy access of the church.

WILLIAM KETTLER recently met with a very serious accident. While out driving one evening some four or five miles from the city, the shafts unhooked from one side of the carriage and a general smash-up ensued. The occupants of the buggy were badly tossed about and bruised up. Mr. Kettler and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Conrad Kettler, sustained the most serious injuries. They are at this writing fairly recovering from their injuries and we hope nothing more serious may develop from the accident.

AT THE Mid-Summer Communion Service the following persons were received into the church. By baptism and confirmation, *July 8* Huston N. Williams and Elva N. Williams, 49 Walnut Street. By confirmation, Bertha Goba, 25 Broadway; Laura N. Pettit, 284 E. Jefferson Street. By re-profession, Hattie Light, 113 E. Washington Street; Thomas Thompson and Margaret Thompson, 78 Gay Street. These new members are cordially commended to the esteem and affection of the whole church; and we trust they shall find among us a pleasant and profitable church home.

AGIE SMITH is visiting friends at Grand Rapids.

MR ED. FELKER, from Toledo, was in the city on the 4th. We hope to see him return to Ft. Wayne before long and remain with us.

THE Young People's Social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, 106 West DeWald Street, on the evening of July 3rd, was a great success in every particular. Every one had a good time, and the net receipts amounted to about \$27.00. Much of the success of the social was due to the work of Mrs. Smith and her daughters. They had sold about one hundred tickets and in every way did what they could to get out a crowd. Our young people all did excellent work in selling tickets and inviting their friends. It was for once demonstrated what the young people can do if they make the effort. In a few weeks they expect to give another social in some other part of the city. They are now determined to have not only a \$75.00 window in the new church but to put in also some Christian Endeavor pews or other furniture.

OHIO'S WELCOME.

Governor McKinley, in his address of welcome to the Endeavorers at Cleveland, said some things both beautiful and practical, and things that our young people should nail to their hearts. Here are some of his utterances:

"I can conceive of no more beautiful employment than that of Christian endeavor, the habitual effort to be better and to do better, and to make those around us better. The more faithful the endeavorer, the more certain the realization; the more constant the effort, the more sublime the end. We cannot try to be good without doing good. There is good, great good, in the honest striving to do good. It is quite as easy to do good as to do evil; and it is incomparably better for the moment, and for all eternity, to do right than to do wrong. [Applause.] Wrong doing is never profitable. Its ultimate reward is failure. Right

doing brings the rich reward of a peaceful conscience and a cheerful disposition, and a faithful heart. The habit of doing good expels the temptation to do wrong. If the world around you knows that you are fixed in your Christian habits and settled in

WELL-GROUNDED MORAL PRINCIPLES, it will let you alone. [Applause.] It will not present you with temptations; it will not pursue you with allurements to tempt you from the paths of righteousness.

"I have been peculiarly impressed with the significance and suggestiveness of the name of one of your committees, the lookout committee, or the committee on lookout. [Applause.] That is the most essential committee in human civilization. That is the most important committee that was ever raised, and every Christian Endeavorer, every citizen of the country should be on that committee, and chairman of it. It is a useful and essential committee to all mankind. It ought to be adopted by everybody. "Look out." "Look out for breakers." "Look out for temptations." "Look out for sin." "Look out for pitfalls." "Look out for the enemy." "Look out for your associations." "Look out for yourselves." Keep on

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always. Let no danger signal escape you. If you will keep this committee alive in every heart and alert in every life, looking out all the time, you will escape many of the discouragements to Christian living. You will avoid many severe temptations which now beset you. You will defeat many machinations of enemies of right-doing, and they are everywhere thrusting themselves across the pathway of human life. Then this committee you have organized not only looks out for yourselves, but it looks out for others. It smoothes many rough places for the weak. It removes many obstacles from the footsteps of your companions. It gives strength to the weak and courage to those who are almost led to give up the battle. It brings to all that confidence and courage that comes from contact and comradeship, unity in the holiest of all causes, the cause of God and mankind.

"If I may be permitted, I would give the Christian Endeavorers an addition to their motto, and would make it 'Look out. Look in. Look up.'

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Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30.

SABBATH SCHOOL RECORD.

June 3.	Attendance	143.	Collection	\$27.69
June 10.	"	142.	"	3.66
June 17.	"	133.	"	4.10
June 24.	"	125.	"	4.66

Total - - - - \$40.11

June 3. Mr. Zartman's class the largest collection; amount, \$19.22.

June 10. Mr. Beahler's class gave the largest collection; amount, 85c.

June 17. Mr. Connett's class gave the largest collection; amount, \$1.00.

June 24 Mr. Connett's class gave the largest collection; amount, 92c.

Birthday collections, \$1.37.

New scholars enrolled during June, 22.

MRS ALICE BALDWIN, residing two miles north of the city died July 2. Was aged 31 years, 2 months and 6 days. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, July 3, at the home. She leaves to mourn her death her husband and four little children. May the Lord comfort this bereaved family and tenderly care for the little ones.

THE Anniversary of the Orphan's Home will be celebrated Wednesday, August 15th. Rev. Dr. W. A. Hale, of Dayton, O., will be one of the speakers of the day. The people who heard him at our corner-stone laying will be anxious to hear him again. There should be a large attendance of our Reformed people from this section of the church at these services.

THE Missionary Tea held at the home of Mrs. Jacob Rudisil in the month of June was well attended and the ladies had a pleasant time. They went out at an early hour in the forenoon and remained until after four o'clock in the afternoon. The ladies expect to hold during the summer

months some more of these teas in the country. This is a good idea, as it gives our people out of the city an opportunity of having some of the church members visit their homes and spend the day with them.

SOMETIME in the month of August we are to have a novel social, to be given by the young ladies of Mrs. Miller's Sunday School class and the young men of Mr. Connett's class.

THE Primary Class of the Sabbath School recently had a picnic in William's Grove. Some forty of the little folks were out, and they had quite a romp, running and playing under the shady trees. They especially enjoyed their suppers. The buss ride was also quite a treat to them.

THE Sabbath School is still on a boom. Every Sabbath some more new scholars are enrolled, and the average attendance is larger during these hot Sundays than it was in the early Spring. We anticipate that before our church auditorium is completed we shall see the necessity of enlarging our Sabbath School rooms. The growth of the primary department has indeed been phenomenal. Some time ago the pastor vacated the chatechetical room to give the primary department additional space; but now the complaint is made that the two rooms thrown together are too crowded. The enrollment in this department has passed above the high-tide mark of one hundred, and still the little folks are coming. Mrs. Zartman and Miss French are to be heartily congratulated on their success among the primaries. Should there not be a more determined effort made to fill up the other part of the school in like proportions? How much of an effort are the teachers making to get new scholars, and to hold them? A scholar once secured for the class should never be allowed to drift away. Let every teacher and scholar in the intermediate department make more earnest efforts to increase the attendance, and to make the school still more efficient in its work.

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A BEAUTIFUL little daughter made its advent at the home of Mrs. Filley, 251 E. Washington Street, June 20.

ANNA SOUDER has just returned from Bluffton, where she spent several weeks with her uncle, Rev. W. H. Souder.

AMONG our sick are the following: William Kirkham, 20 Harrison Street. Mrs. Yeny, 237 Barr Street. Mrs. A. C. Katt, 69 W. Berry. Do not fail to visit our sick people.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BÖTTGER, and daughter Estella, have just returned from a visit to their former home in Pennsylvania. They were gone nearly a month, and had a pleasant time with their old friends and acquaintances.

GOLDIE EVELYN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wertman was baptized at the church service Friday evening, July 6th. Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was baptized by the pastor, July 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spiegel, 315 W. Jefferson. Mrs. Stiles is a sister of Mrs. Speigel and Miss Libbie Telker.

BAZAAR IN NOVEMBER.

It has been decided to hold a Bazaar in November during the Thanksgiving season. For want of room, and the full appointment of committees, we cannot publish a list of the booths, etc., in this issue of the VISITOR. In the August number we shall give a complete list of the committees and booths. In the meantime let all of the members of the church do what they can for the fair.

D. W. SOUDER and daughters, Etta and Carrie, recently made a week's tour over the lakes. They report a delightful voyage and a good time.

REFORMED CHURCH COOK BOOK.

A book of household helps and culinary directions, under the above title, will be issued within a few months, under the management of Mrs. A. K. Zartman. It is the purpose of Mrs. Zartman to secure in this work the co-operation of the ladies of the Reformed Church, throughout our different classis and synods, requesting them to forward to her such recipes and household hints as have been well tried and proved. Recipes and helps are solicited for every department of house-keeping and cookery. The book will also contain numerous reliable advertisements that will be helpful to the home and the culinary art.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

July 29. True growth, what it is and how to get it. Eph. 4: 11-32. Mary Rudisil.

August 3. Plain living and high thinking. Mark 10: 23-31. Eugene Mathis.

August 12. Whole-hearted service. Eph. 6: 5-18. Emma Kettler.

August 19. How to bring others to Christ. 1 Cor. 9: 19-27. Willie Rudisil.

August 26. The Joy of the Christian Life. John 15: 1-11. Etta Souder.

YOUNG ENDEAVORER, how does the hot weather effect your enthusiasm? Are you keeping up your zeal?

BROTHER EUGENE MATHIS came back from the Cleveland convention brim-full and boiling over with Endeavor spirit and fervor. At the meeting Sabbath evening, July 15th, he said he was too full for expression. This is an oppressive and yet delightful feeling. But he did, after all, give expression, and that to the satisfaction of every one present.

THERE are 7,395 more Societies of Christian Endeavor now than there were one year ago. 2,740 societies in foreign lands; 2,243 in Canada; 28,696 in the United States. Total number of societies reported to the Secretary of the United Society, 33,679. Total membership, 2,023,800. Pennsylvania has 3,458 societies; New York, 3,329; Ohio, 2,274; Illinois, 2,260; Indiana, 1,534. Thirty different denominations are represented among this army of Endeavorers, all owning one Lord, and one as their common Master.

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